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Minutes 07/14/2008

Arlington Cultural Council-Meeting Minutes
 July 14, 2008
 Robbins Library
 Arlington, MA

Present: Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, Karen Dillon, Sharon Shaloo, Betsy Campbell and Anyahlee Suderman
Absent: Tom Formicola, Michele Meagher, Susan Murie and Jean Yoder
Visiting: David Fechter, Suzanne McLeod and Alex Lorenz (Famboogle)

Karen Dillon called the meeting to order at 7:40

Item 1: Famboogle Presentation

Alex Lorenz one of the founders of Famboogle gave a short presentation. Famboogle's mission is to strengthen and enhance community connections as well as to support local organizations and help them to reach residents using Famboogle as a platform.

Note that Famboogle is in a research phase. We would need to create and edit our own pages and Famboogle would host and post them.

Alex demo'ed a test site he created for the Cultural Council.

Stephanie talked about the possibility of having an arts summit in September in collaboration with ACA and Famboogle. Although present council members thought an Arts Summit is a great idea we think the demands of town day and the grant cycle would make the Fall of 08 an impossible time to have one.

Sharon notes that we already have a ACC/LCC site on the Arlington website and we should be careful not to have our information and postings dispersed among many sites or leave some outdated websites running.

Karen noted that we should add Famboogle to the list of outlets included in our PR packet that we give grant recipients

Item 2: June meeting minutes

The council reviewed the minutes from our June meeting. Sharon moved to approve the minutes, Anyahlee seconded and all approved.

Item 3: RFP's

There are no FY 08 Requests for Payment

We are still waiting for paperwork from the following 2007 grants

2007-01 Arlington Center for the Arts -- My Take -- Sharon will contact

2007-20 Tova Speter -- Design Project (formerly Switchbox project) -- Karen Dillon will contact

2007-06 Roz Cummins -- Libana Research --- Sharon Shaloo will contact

We receive a letter from Betsy Schramm reporting her progress on her grant project "letters of war" we can share this letter at our August meeting

Item 4 -- Town Day 2008 (September 20th (rain date 27th)

We will discuss the details further at our August meeting, but we will proceed with the mural creation project. Anyahlee will report the estimated cost for supplies and provide that at our August meeting.

Michele has turned in the town day application

The description for the town day brochure has been edited and Susan submitted it to town hall.

Sharon asked about a brochure we distributed last year and who might have the template so we can update it and distribute it again this year.

Item 5 --Arts Festival

Stephanie told the council about her meeting with John Budzyna and Catherine Hirani (board member) from ACA about the possibility of an Arts Festival. ACA thinks this is an exciting idea/opportunity and something that should take place every two years. They are interested in using the bike path as a potential location for this event. John will come to our September meeting to explore this further. ACA is looking at the possibility of convening an Arts summit in October and will host.

Stephanie read a letter of support for the idea of an Arts festival she received from John.

Item 6 --Voting in new members

Betsy moved to approve David Fechter and Suzanne McLeod as council members, Karen seconded and all approved. Welcome to David and Suzanne.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dillon

Karen has reserved the following dates for upcoming meetings :

Monday, August 11th 7:30-8:45 upstairs meeting room, Robbins Library
Monday, September 15th 7:30-8:45 upstairs meeting room, Robbins Library
Monday, October 29th, 7:30-8:45 upstairs meeting room, Robbins Library
Monday, November 10th 7:30-8:45 upstairs meeting room, Robbins Library
Please reserve these dates on your calendar.